

BUT ONE LICENSED SALOON IN THE CITY.

Fifth Avenue Hotel Got the
Only Tax Certificate Is-
sued Yesterday.

Over a Million Dollars Received
with Applications by Deputy
Commissioner Hilliard.

Liquor Sellers Stood in Line from 10
A. M. to 6 P. M. Waiting for a
Chance to Pay the State
\$800 Each.

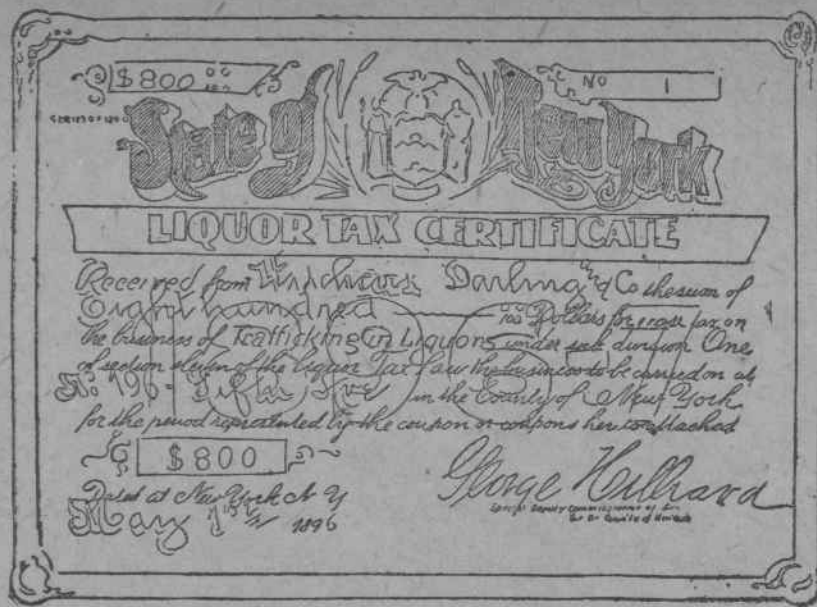
NO MAN'S MONEY WAS REFUSED.

Provisional Receipts Issued and Investiga-
tions of "Hotels" and Notorious
Places Will Be Made—Brewers
Help Their Customers.

Joe, and only one, new liquor tax cer-
tificate was issued yesterday by Deputy
State Commissioner of Excise George Hill-
iard; this in spite of the fact that he had
received up to last night considerably over
\$1,000,000 for privileges of selling liquors
during the next twelve months.

When the liquor tax offices, in the Met-
ropolitan Insurance building, Madison ave-
nue and Twenty-third street, opened yester-
day at 10 a. m. there were over a hun-
dred saloon keepers waiting in line to pay
\$800 each. All day long the rush continued,
and the weary and jaded officials, who had
worked until long after the previous mid-
night, struggled manfully to rake in the
cash and fill out provisional receipts, were
almost exhausted.

Although dozens of books, each contain-
ing one hundred tax certificate forms, lay
in the cashier's office, it was not until
nearly 6 p. m. when Hiram Hitecock and
A. B. Darling, representing the Fifth Ave-



First Liquor Tax Certificate Issued in This City.

The above certificate licenses the selling of liquor at the bar of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, the headquarters of Thomas C. Platt and State Republican politicians. It is the only certificate which has been issued under the Raines bill in New York City, and was granted at 6 p. m. yesterday.

Hotel Company, arrived at Mr. Hill-
iard's private office, that the new Commis-
sioner appended his signature to the first
liquor tax certificate issued under the
Raines law. This now decorates the bar-
room of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, the head-
quarters of the Republican party, and last
night it was continually surrounded by a
crowd of admiring up-State politicians.

While this honor was accorded the great
Madison square hostelry, there is sad-
ness in the heart of Joe Schmitt, who
keeps a saloon at the northeast corner of
Union square and Fourteenth street. He
was the first man to pay in his \$800. He
got the first receipt, dated April 24, and
yesterday morning he was on hand to urge
his claims to the first certificate.

Cashier Pitkin assured him that the coveted
honor should be his, and Joe returned
to his bar and celebrated the joyous event.
Joe is naturally generous, and the liquor
flowed at the expense of the house that
was to own the first Raines license. To

all comers Joe proudly pointed out the par-
ticular spot in his window where the cer-
tificate would be on exhibition. But, alas,
for departmental promises! He did not
rejoice on the power of political pulls.

Deputy Commissioner Hilliard said last
night that it was probable Mr. Schmitt's
claims might be so far respected as to
grant him No. 2, but he had been compelled
to look after No. 1.

Soon after 9 a. m. Deputy Commissioner
Hilliard arrived at his office, and was
joined by ex-Judge Stowell, of Oswego,
legal adviser to Commissioner H. H. Ly-
man, and the counsel to the New York
Board, Alfred R. Page. A long consulta-
tion followed as to the practical working
of the department, and arrangements were
made for additional clerical help, which in
the present rush of business is found to be
necessary. In addition to James Delaney
and Joseph A. Flannery, especially selected
by Mr. Lyman, about twenty employees of

Coupon for LIQUOR TAX CERTIFICATE No. 1 for April 1897.	Coupon for LIQUOR TAX CERTIFICATE No. 1 for May 1896.
Coupon for LIQUOR TAX CERTIFICATE No. 2 for March 1897.	Coupon for LIQUOR TAX CERTIFICATE No. 2 for June 1896.
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Coupon for LIQUOR TAX CERTIFICATE No. 9 for Aug. 1896.	Coupon for LIQUOR TAX CERTIFICATE No. 9 for Jan. 1897.
Coupon for LIQUOR TAX CERTIFICATE No. 10 for July 1896.	Coupon for LIQUOR TAX CERTIFICATE No. 10 for Feb. 1897.
Coupon for LIQUOR TAX CERTIFICATE No. 11 for June 1896.	Coupon for LIQUOR TAX CERTIFICATE No. 11 for March 1897.
Coupon for LIQUOR TAX CERTIFICATE No. 12 for May 1896.	Coupon for LIQUOR TAX CERTIFICATE No. 12 for April 1897.

ACCUSED OF FRAUDS ON THE GOVERNMENT.

A. J. Little Arrested on a Charge
of Altering Public Stores'
Permits.

Is Custom House Representative of
the American Express Company,
and Highly Esteemed.

AMOUNT OF THEFTS NOT KNOWN.

Young Man Who Supported His Widowed
Mother Said to Have Been Dishon-
estly Operating His Scheme
for Three Months.

When it was noted about the entry ring
at the Custom House yesterday that a
warrant had been issued for the arrest of
Andrew J. Little, the American Express
Company's representative in the building,
on a charge of defrauding the Government,
the brokers could scarcely believe the re-
port. Little was known to nearly every
extensive importer in New York, and has
always been held in the highest regard by
the inmates of the Custom House. In
causing the arrest, however, Collector Kil-
breth and Colonel Phelps, of the "Jaw Di-
vision," think they are putting a stop to a
skillful system of fraud, through which
the Government has seriously suffered.

Little is twenty-six years of age, and oc-
cupied a responsible position with the
American Express Company. It was his
duty to superintend the reception of all
express matter received by the company
from foreign ports and attend to the pay-
ment of the duty and storage charges.

ALTERED THE PERMITS.
The alleged crooked work was first dis-
covered in the public stores. There is a
charge of 21 cents on each express pack-
age from abroad, besides the duty. It is
claimed that Little was pocketing a large
proportion of the storage and cartage fees,
which the express company was supposed
to pay the Custom House.

Colonel Dudley F. Phelps, who has had
charge of the case, in explaining the
scheme Little is alleged to have adopted,
said: "It has been found that for three
months the Custom House has not been
receiving a large share of the storage and

cartage fees due it from the American ex-
press Company, and we have established
the fact, we think, that Little has appro-
priated this money. Before the entries pre-
pared by the company are presented to the
entry clerk at the Custom House they are
taken to the clerk in charge of the storage
and cartage accounts in the Fifth Division.
The clerk here indorses the charges on the
back and also fills in the amount to be
paid to the cashier.

"Little would fill out the entry for one
package, also a permit. He would have
the latter indorsed by the storage clerk,
showing that 21 cents were due for the
single package. He would then add to the
permit a number of additional packages
and make similar additions to the original
entry, which would then be given to the
entry clerk, who estimated the duty. The
duty on the increased number of packages
would be paid, while the charges for storage
and cartage for only one package would be
received.

SUPPORT OF A WIDOWED MOTHER.
"In every entry made since February 3
by the American Express Company the
storage has been detected. The company
gave Little the full amount of the charges
in each entry and he appropriated the dif-
ference. The American Express Company
was in no way to blame, and its officials
have informed Collector Kilbreth that they
will make good the difference as soon as
the exact amount can be ascertained."

The accused man was yesterday arraigned
before United States Commissioner Shields
and held in \$5,000 bail, which was fur-
nished by his uncle, Andrew Little, of No.
17 East Sixty-second street.
Manager Berry of the European depart-
ment of the American Express Company,
said: "Mr. Little has handled many thou-
sands of dollars in our offices, and we have
always trusted him. I do not know what
this alleged shortage amounts to, but our
company stands ready to make it good
with the Custom House. Little is the sup-
port of a widowed mother, and I hope this
trouble can be adjusted."

CAN'T FIND DANIEL LEVY.

Police Get No Trace of the Man Who
Escaped from Court.

Daniel Levy is still at liberty. Despite
the fact that the police turned in a general
alarm, Levy was not captured yesterday,
and the people most interested in the case
believe that he will not be captured. Some
say that he has or will sail for Europe.
Levy has an intimate friend named Charles
Machol. Machol lives in Chicago, and it
is thought that Levy has gone to him.
William Well, of Brooklyn, a close friend
of Levy, said yesterday that the report
that the latter's friends had urged him to
escape was untrue.

GRAND FAIR TO AID CUBA IN HER FIGHT.

Hearty Responses of Americans
to the Appeal for Money
and Its Equivalents.

Unique Features of the Great Show
Soon to Open at Madison
Square Garden.

SEND ALONG YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

Brave Patriots of the Gem of the Antilles
Need Arms, Medicine and Provisions
to Assist Them in Winning
Freedom.

CONTRIBUTIONS.	
Oswald Ottendorfer.....	\$20.00
Importer.....	25.00
Cash.....	25.00
George Burt.....	10.00
Jacob Ruppert.....	10.00
Eliza Root.....	5.00
Joseph Dozier.....	5.00
Cash.....	5.00
Chas. Neumann.....	5.00
W. S. Thomson.....	5.00
M. Neumann.....	5.00
D. A. Watson.....	5.00
Symphony.....	4.00
H. Gunther.....	2.00
Symphony.....	2.00
B. Walters.....	1.00
Two Johns.....	1.00
A. Weiskittel.....	1.00
Cash.....	1.00
John E. Milholland's two lit- tle girls.....	1.32
Total.....	\$196.32

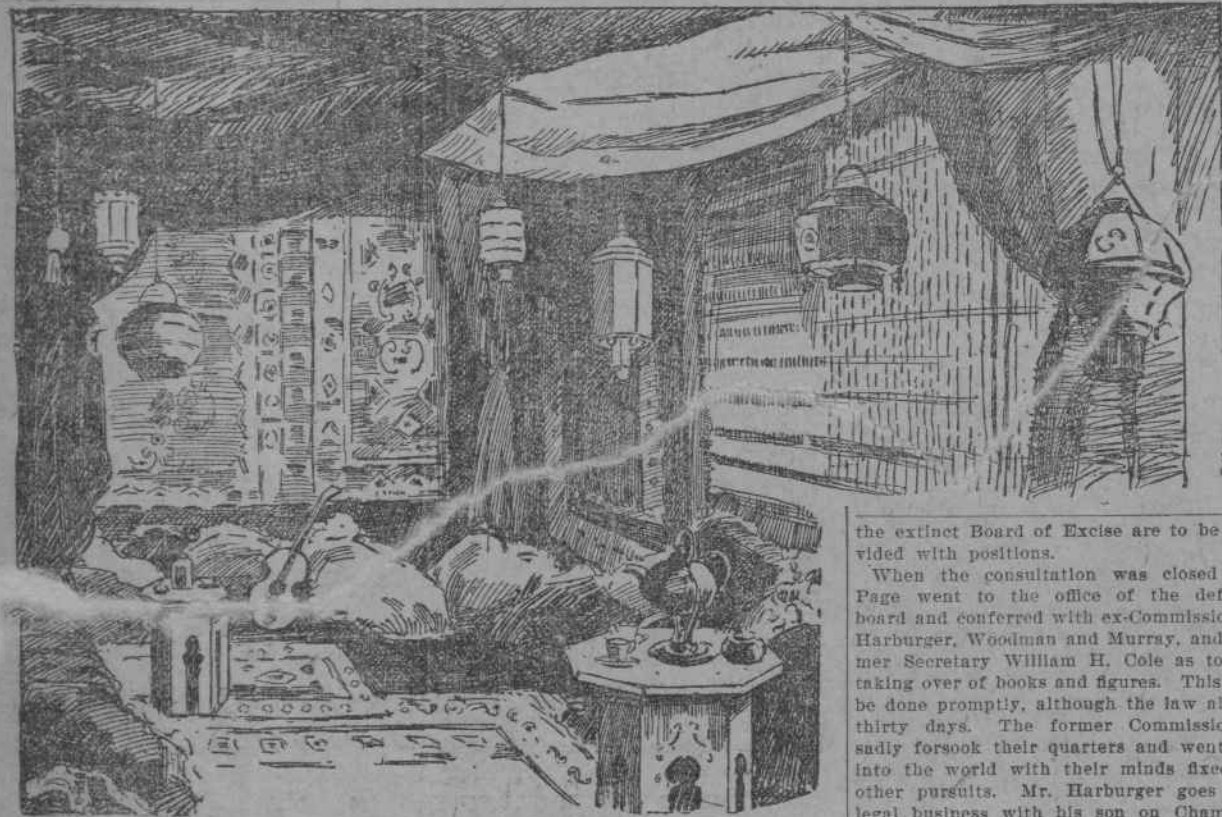
FRANK MAYER—All signs needed.
Louis Runkel—All chocolate needed.
George De Forest Brush—A paint-
ing of a Cuban Cavalryman.
F. Ecker Brothers—A case of wine.
Casius M. Clay—19 Southdown
Rams.
H. F. Foote—Dog, "Cuba."
Brewer Ebert, Brewer, Ruppert,
Brewer Dozier, Brewer Loewer.
All the beer needed.
B. B. Foote—Polyopticon and
books.
Charles Golden—Two boxes of
mineral water.
Interior Conduit and Insulation Co.
Two electric fan motors.
F. Frerichs—Five kegs of pickles.
The Geo. L. Squire Co.—A sugar
mill.
George Fink—Portrait of General
Gomez.

The indications are that the coming
Cuban-American Fair at Madison Square
Garden will be the biggest and best bazaar
that has ever been held in New York.
The object, of course, is to bring before
the American people the needs of the
Cuban revolutionists and to raise a fund for
the purchase of arms and ammunition, as
well as surgical supplies and hospital com-
forts for the sick and wounded.

The Journal has been authorized by the
management of the fair to take charge of
this list, and contributions may be sent
either to the Journal office or to the office
of the Fair Committee in Madison Square
Garden. A list will be printed every day
in this newspaper. The fair will open on
May 25 and continue throughout that
week. Alfred Chassand is the general
manager and the committee consists of
Eidel G. Pierra, chairman; Jose A. Gu-
ierrez, treasurer; Emilio del Castillo and
Rafael Navarro, secretaries.

Many unique features will be introduced
at the fair that have never been thought
of before.
Buck Taylor, the plainsman who used to
lead Buffalo Bill's cowboy herd, is
coming on from his Western home to organ-
ize and superintend the Cuban camp and
battlefield scenes. Ten tons of sugar cane
will be shipped from Cuba, and sugar will
be milled and made in sight of all visitors,
showing the latest improved machinery.
Perhaps the most interesting thing in the
entire display will be the portrayal of Cuban
home life.

Saloon Keeper a Moonshiner.
The arrest of Max Greene, a hunch-
back, on the charge of running an illicit
still at No. 220 Henry street, about ten
days ago, has resulted in the capture of
Louis L. Meryash, a saloon keeper at the
corner of Bingham and Henry streets.
He was taken in custody on Thursday
night, and yesterday United States Com-
missioner Shields held him in \$2,500 bail
for examination on Friday, May 8.



Turkish Smoker in a Moving Van.

When Miss Pomeroy and Arthur Pomeroy, of No. 101 Park avenue, en-
tained their friends with an end-of-the-century straw ride in a handsomely
decorated moving van, they inaugurated an entertainment which is likely to
prove popular. The interior of the padded van, as is shown in the cut, was
hung with Turkish draperies, and cushions were provided as seats for the
sixteen guests. During the ride the party enjoyed refreshments, music and
tobacco, and had a thoroughly good time.

the extinct Board of Excise are to be pro-
vided with positions.

When the consultation was closed Mr.
Page went to the office of the defunct
board and conferred with ex-Commissioners
Harburger, Woodman and Murray, and
former Secretary William H. Cole as to
the taking over of books and figures. This
will be done promptly, although the law allows
thirty days. The former Commissioners
sadly forsook their quarters and went out
into the world with their minds fixed on
other pursuits. Mr. Harburger goes into
legal business with his son on Chambers
street. Ex-Secretary Coyle will travel for
a Scotch woolen firm, and Mr. Murray is
turning his attention to real estate. It is be-
lieved the old office will be given to the
Coroners, and the District-Attorney the
Coroners' present quarters.

The accommodation at the new Excise
Bureau seems scarcely more convenient
than the old place in the Circuit Court
building. Many were the imprecations in-
dulged in by the vast waiting crowd yester-
day, as they stood for hours in line along

A Sunday Journal reporter files
over Staten Island. See to-morrow's
Journal.

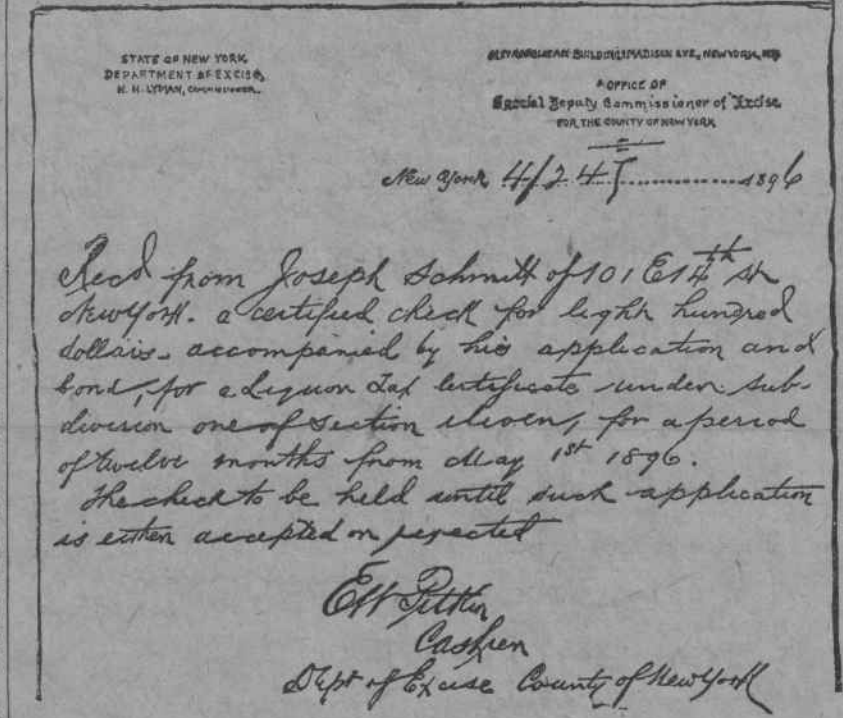
TO BUY LINCOLN'S HOME.

Plan to Make the Martyred President's
Birthplace a Refuge for Old
Soldiers.

The birthplace of Abraham Lincoln,
which it is proposed, in a bill introduced
in the House of Representatives Thursday
by Congressman Lewis, of Kentucky, to
purchase and turn into a home for disabled
soldiers, is now owned by A. W. Dennett,
of this city. The farm is located about
forty-five miles southwest of Louisville,
near the village of Hodgenville. There are
110 acres of undulating land in the farm,
about fifteen acres of which are timbered.
Near the centre of the farm is a splendid
spring, from which the place has derived
its name of Lincoln Spring farm. Here
Abraham Lincoln was born and lived until
he was four years old.

When Mr. Dennett bought the farm, in
November, 1884, his intention was to rescue
the historic place from the neglect into
which it had fallen. Following this idea,
he built a pavilion for the accommodation
of visitors, fenced in the property and
sowed grass seed all over the entire farm.
The log cabin in which Lincoln was born
was sold several years ago and had been
removed to another farm, where it was in
use as a storeroom. The building was
purchased by Mr. Dennett and moved back
to the old site at Lincoln Spring farm.

Mr. Dennett said yesterday that he had
no idea of conveying the property to the
United States Government when he pur-
chased it. Of late the Congressmen from
Kentucky and the members of the Grand
Army of the Republic have agitated the
matter and hope the bill will go through
Congress. A number of the officers of the
Grand Army visited the farm during the
recent encampment at Louisville, and all
were favorably impressed with the location
and its adaptability for a soldiers' home.



First Receipt Issued Under the Raines Law.
Joseph Schmitt was the first saloon keeper in New York City to deposit
the sum required by the Raines law for a liquor tax certificate. He claims
the first certificate was promised to him, but that the Fifth Avenue Hotel
got it.

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